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INTRODUCTION.

Victoria is situated at the south-eastern extremity of the Australian continent of which it occupies about a thirty-fourth part, and contains about 87,884 square miles. It lies approximately between the 34th and 39th parallels of south latitude and the 141st and 150th meridians of east longitude. Its greatest length from east to west is about 493 miles, its greatest breadth about 290 miles and its extent of coast-line (including the length around Port Phillip Bay, Western Port, and Corner Inlet) 980 miles. It is bounded on the north and north-east by New South Wales from which it is separated by the River Murray and by a straight line in a south-easterly direction from a place near the head-waters of that stream, called The Springs, to Cape Howe. On the west it is bounded by South Australia and on the south and south-east its shores are washed by the Southern Ocean, Bass Strait, and the Pacific Ocean.

The climate of Victoria is characterized by warm summers, rather cold winters, and rain in all months. Mean temperatures in midsummer (January) range from 65 deg. (Fahr.) in the south to 75 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west, corresponding means of daily maxima being 80 deg. (Fahr.) in the south and 90 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west. In midwinter (July) the mean temperature is generally below 50 deg. (Fahr.), mean of the night minima being below 40 deg. (Fahr.).

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STATISTICS OF VICTORIA

I.—POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

VICTORIA—POPULATION.

Period.		Males.	Females.	Total.
Census—				
1901 (31st March)	..	603,720	597,350	1,201,070
1911 (3rd April)	..	655,591	659,960	1,315,551
1921 (4th April)	..	754,724	776,556	1,531,280
1933 (30th June)	..	903,244	917,017	1,820,261
1947 (30th June)	..	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701
At 31st December—				
1942 (a)	..	970,887	991,771	1,962,658
1943 (a)	..	979,884	1,002,005	1,981,889
1944 (a)	..	987,323	1,010,997	1,998,320
1945 (a)	..	995,383	1,020,250	2,015,583
1946 (a)	..	1,006,990	1,033,291	2,040,281
1947 (a)	..	1,016,950	1,044,739	2,061,689
1948 (a)	..	1,040,640	1,065,675	2,106,315

(a) Subject to revision.

Note.—Particulars are estimated in respect of dates other than census dates.

VICTORIA—MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, AND DEATHS.

Period.	Number of—				Rate per 1,000 of Population.(a)			Infantile Mortality.
	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Deaths under One Year.	Marriage.	Birth.	Death.	
Year ended 31st December—								
1944 .. .	17,857	39,358	20,502	1,258	8·97	19·78	10·30	31·96
1945 .. .	16,501	41,200	20,496	1,155	8·22	20·53	10·21	28·03
1946 .. .	21,405	46,693	21,534	1,268	10·57	23·05	10·63	27·16
1947 .. .	20,437	47,366	21,442	1,245	9·95	23·06	10·44	26·28
1948 .. .	20,035	46,099	21,825	1,103	(b)	(b)	(b)	23·93
					Equivalent Annual Rate per 1,000 of Population.			
1948—								
March Quarter ..	5,311	11,200	4,367	228	10·30	21·73	8·47	20·36
June Quarter ..	5,070	11,498	5,368	273	9·75	22·11	10·32	23·74
September Quarter ..	4,174	11,388	6,672	312	7·98	21·79	12·77	27·40
December Quarter ..	5,480	12,013	5,418	290	(b)	(b)	(b)	24·14

(a) Subject to revision (b) Not yet available.

VICTORIA—PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Cause of Death.	Year Ended 31st December—		December Quarter—	
	1947.	1948.	1947.	1948.
Tuberculosis .. .	677	641	200	164
Cancer .. .	2,908	2,895	694	727
Diabetes .. .	437	453	85	110
Cerebral Haemorrhage, &c. .. .	2,338	2,446	605	572
Diseases of the Heart .. .	6,728	7,093	1,739	1,793
Arteriosclerosis .. .	551	473	145	126
Pneumonia and Broncho-pneumonia .. .	1,140	1,242	313	292
Nephritis .. .	1,178	1,143	291	300
Diseases Peculiar to the First Year of Life .. .	724	637	172	172
Senility .. .	563	585	156	135
Accidental Deaths .. .	982	961	236	234

II.—LABOUR AND INDUSTRIAL.

VICTORIA—WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT. (Thousands.)

Month.	Total Employment.(a)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Government Employment. (b)	Private Employment.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (d)
1933—June ..	73·2	215·4	288·6	4·1	(e)	38·7(g)	42·3	65·3	32·8(f)	35·9
1939—July ..	90·0	267·5	357·5	5·5	128·4	36·4	45·4	75·9	35·9	35·9
MALES.										
1941—July ..	106·8	296·6	403·4	5·8	166·6	40·5	48·4	28·8	34·0	35·1
1942—June ..	113·8	261·7	375·5	4·6	167·0	29·2	47·4	22·5	27·7	30·3
1943—June ..	107·0	248·2	355·2	3·7	168·5	16·2	46·0	20·2	24·9	28·1
1944—June ..	106·5	245·6	352·1	3·4	167·0	16·6	45·5	20·3	26·0	30·0
1945—August ..	106·2	254·6	360·8	3·6	166·7	21·7	47·3	22·3	28·1	32·1
1946—June ..	115·2	302·7	417·9	4·4	179·8	32·0	55·0	29·6	37·9	38·1
1947—June ..	125·9	326·7	452·6	4·5	186·7	38·4	59·8	32·7	43·4	42·4
1948—June ..	131·7	341·6	473·3	4·8	193·3	42·1	62·4	34·6	46·1	44·4
October ..	131·2	343·7	474·9	4·6	190·4	42·6	62·8	34·9	46·7	44·9
November ..	131·5	346·3	477·8	4·6	191·2	42·8	63·1	35·6	47·3	45·2
December ..	133·1	347·8	480·9	4·7	191·6	43·0	64·3	36·2	47·4	45·4
1949—January ..	133·1	347·6	480·7	4·7	192·1	43·1	64·1	35·2	47·6	45·4
February ..	133·5	348·5	482·0	4·7	192·1	43·9	64·0	35·3	47·9	45·6
March ..	135·0	350·9	485·9	4·7	193·5	44·7	64·2	35·4	48·4	46·1
FEMALES.										
1933—June ..	13·9	104·3	118·2	..	(e)	0·2	3·3	26·6	36·9(f)	34·3
1939—July ..	16·8	126·1	142·9	0·1	63·9	0·3	3·3	30·8	34·3	34·3
1941—July ..	25·8	160·2	186·0	0·1	79·1	0·4	5·9	29·7	12·1	42·3
1942—June ..	37·1	161·4	198·5	0·2	82·7	0·5	8·1	29·9	14·4	43·5
1943—June ..	45·8	159·6	205·4	0·1	86·1	0·5	11·0	28·0	14·2	44·1
1944—June ..	44·4	153·9	198·3	0·1	82·4	0·5	11·2	26·7	14·4	44·9
1945—August ..	40·7	151·6	192·3	0·1	79·9	0·5	10·9	26·6	14·6	46·0
1946—June ..	30·6	153·1	183·7	0·1	75·2	0·6	9·4	27·4	13·9	47·7
1947—June ..	30·0	160·5	190·5	0·1	77·9	0·7	9·6	28·6	14·5	50·6
1948—June ..	30·4	166·3	196·7	0·1	79·8	0·8	10·4	29·9	15·4	52·5
October ..	30·0	168·7	198·7	0·1	80·2	0·8	10·7	29·8	15·6	52·9
November ..	30·1	170·4	200·5	0·1	80·6	0·8	10·9	30·9	15·7	52·9
December ..	30·4	171·6	202·0	0·1	80·2	0·8	11·3	32·2	15·8	53·0
1949—January ..	30·1	168·8	198·9	0·1	79·5	0·8	11·0	30·6	15·7	52·6
February ..	30·4	171·3	201·7	0·1	81·6	0·8	11·1	30·4	16·0	53·0
March ..	30·9	172·4	203·3	0·1	82·6	0·8	11·0	30·4	16·3	53·4
PERSONS.										
1933—June ..	87·1	319·7	406·8	4·1	137·1	38·9(g)	45·6	91·9	69·7(j)	70·2
1939—July ..	106·8	393·6	500·4	5·6	192·3	36·7	48·7	106·7	70·2	70·2
1941—July ..	132·6	456·8	589·4	5·9	245·7	40·9	54·3	58·5	46·1	77·4
1942—June ..	150·9	423·1	574·0	4·8	249·7	29·7	55·5	52·4	42·1	73·8
1943—June ..	152·8	407·8	560·6	3·8	254·6	16·7	57·0	48·2	39·1	72·2
1944—June ..	150·9	399·5	550·4	3·5	249·4	17·1	56·7	47·0	40·4	74·9
1945—August ..	146·9	406·2	553·1	3·7	246·6	22·2	58·2	48·9	42·7	78·1
1946—June ..	145·8	455·8	601·6	4·5	255·0	32·6	64·4	57·0	51·8	85·8
1947—June ..	155·9	487·2	643·1	4·6	264·6	39·1	69·4	61·3	57·9	93·0
1948—June ..	162·1	507·9	670·0	4·9	273·1	42·9	72·8	64·5	61·5	96·9
October ..	161·2	512·4	673·6	4·7	270·6	43·4	73·5	64·7	62·3	97·8
November ..	161·6	516·7	678·3	4·7	271·8	43·6	74·0	66·5	63·0	98·1
December ..	163·5	519·4	682·9	4·8	271·8	43·8	75·6	68·4	63·2	98·4
1949—January ..	163·2	516·4	679·6	4·8	271·6	43·9	75·1	65·8	63·3	98·0
February ..	163·9	519·8	683·7	4·8	273·7	44·7	75·1	65·7	63·9	98·6
March ..	165·9	523·3	689·2	4·8	276·1	45·5	75·2	65·8	64·7	99·5

(a) Excluding wage earners in rural industry, female domestics in private household, Defence Forces at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures for months subsequent to May, 1945 (Factories, June, 1947) subject to revision.

(b) Civilian employees of Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Government, and Allied Government Authorities.

(c) From July, 1946, the monthly figures are estimates subject to revision.

(d) Includes Law and Order, Religion, &c., Health, Education, Other Professional Services, Entertainment, &c. and Personal Service (Hotels, Restaurants, &c., excluding female private domestic).

(e) Not available.

(f) Includes 2,258 males and 3,009 females "Clerks and Typists, Industry Undefined," so classified at 1933 Census.

(g) Includes 15,218 "Labourers, Industry Undefined," classified to the Building and Construction Industry at 1933 Census.

VICTORIA—UNEMPLOYMENT IN TRADE UNIONS.

The quarterly figures show the number of persons who were reported out of work for three days or more during a specified week in each quarter; they include sickness but not persons out of work through strikes or lockouts, except those outside the industry concerned who are indirectly affected. The annual figures represent the average of the four quarters.

Period.	Trade Unions.		Trade Unions Reporting.		Unemployed in Trade Unions Reporting.	
	Total Number.	Total Membership.	Number.	Membership.	Number.	Percentage.
1938 Year ..	147	215,021	79	124,184	10,718	8·6
1939 ..	149	216,803	78	125,628	13,032	10·4
1940 ..	147	232,288	77	131,105	7,573	5·8
1941 ..	146	270,343	79	151,902	3,742	2·5
1942 ..	142	302,782	79	176,749	2,032	1·2
1943 ..	142	311,791	77	196,784	1,356	0·7
1944 ..	141	314,952	77	194,387	1,634	0·8
1945 ..	139	306,649	77	186,112	1,548	0·9
1946 ..	138	324,380	75	191,632	2,400	1·3
1947 ..	137	337,502	74	204,500	2,423	1·2
1948 ..	..	..	74	212,831	1,762	0·8
1932—June Quarter (a)	..	..	81	117,083	32,395	27·7
1948—March Quarter ..	..	..	74	209,438	1,611	0·8
June Quarter ..	..	..	74	209,455	1,742	0·8
September Quarter ..	..	..	74	214,461	2,117	1·0
December Quarter ..	..	..	74	217,970	1,577	0·7
1949—March Quarter ..	..	..	74	221,521	1,598	0·7

(a) Peak of unemployment.

Note.—The unions covered by the returns, which are furnished to the Commonwealth Statistician, represent about 60 per cent. of the total membership of unions, and relate to between 20 and 25 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. The value of the percentages of unemployment derived from Trade Union returns is in the indication they give of the trend of unemployment among trade unionists as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

VICTORIA—BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES FIXED BY COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION. (a) (Adult Males.)

Payable as from the Beginning of First Pay Period in—	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnambool.	Five Towns—Weighted Average.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
September, 1939 ..	81 0	77 0	76 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
February, 1947 ..	107 0	101 0	103 0	104 0	107 0	106 0
May, 1947 ..	107 0	102 0	103 0	106 0	107 0	107 0
August, 1947 ..	108 0	104 0	104 0	107 0	108 0	108 0
November, 1947 ..	109 0	104 0	105 0	108 0	109 0	109 0
February, 1948 ..	113 0	108 0	108 0	111 0	112 0	112 0
May, 1948 ..	115 0	110 0	111 0	113 0	114 0	114 0
August, 1948 ..	117 0	112 0	112 0	115 0	116 0	116 0
November, 1948 ..	120 0	115 0	115 0	119 0	119 0	120 0
February, 1949 ..	123 0	119 0	118 0	121 0	122 0	123 0
May, 1949 ..	125 0	120 0	120 0	123 0	123 0	124 0

(a) "Court" Series Index-Numbers. Includes "prosperity loadings" (6s. per week).

Note.—For information relating to the basic wage payable in a specified industry, reference should be made to the Court Award or the State Wages Board Determination or the Award or Determination of any Special Industrial Tribunal appointed to deal with wages and conditions in respect of that industry.

III.—PRICE INDEXES

VICTORIA—ALL ITEMS ("C" SERIES) RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS (COST OF FOOD, GROCERIES, HOUSING—4 AND 5 ROOMS, CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD REQUIREMENTS).

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities of Australia, 1923–27=1,000.)

Period.	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnambool.	Five Towns—Weighted Average.
November 1914 ..	671	.	.	.	.	.
.. 1921 ..	1,003	992	1,002	1,019	1,034	1,003
Year 1932 ..	813	776	808	794	838	811
,, 1939 ..	924	874	875	911	918	920
,, 1940 ..	964	996	920	941	954	961
,, 1941 ..	1,008	959	963	984	998	1,004
,, 1942 ..	1,100	1,037	1,054	1,065	1,078	1,095
,, 1943 ..	1,139	1,084	1,096	1,110	1,126	1,135
,, 1944 ..	1,135	1,083	1,101	1,112	1,129	1,131
,, 1945 ..	1,135	1,086	1,099	1,113	1,139	1,131
,, 1946 ..	1,149	1,094	1,107	1,124	1,153	1,145
,, 1947 ..	1,188	1,132	1,141	1,170	1,186	1,184
,, 1948 ..	1,294	1,243	1,244	1,278	1,283	1,290
1947—March Quarter	1,159	1,134	1,118	1,144	1,164	1,156
June Quarter	1,175	1,123	1,130	1,161	1,175	1,171
September Qr.	1,189	1,132	1,139	1,170	1,185	1,185
December Qr.	1,227	1,170	1,177	1,203	1,219	1,223
1948—March Quarter	1,249	1,199	1,206	1,233	1,240	1,246
June Quarter	1,272	1,222	1,222	1,256	1,266	1,268
September Qr.	1,309	1,256	1,256	1,296	1,297	1,305
December Qr.	1,345	1,294	1,290	1,325	1,329	1,341
1949—March Quarter	1,363	1,315	1,314	1,344	1,349	1,359

Note.—The above index has been computed by the Commonwealth Statistician.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

The index of wholesale prices was first computed by the Commonwealth Statistician in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends over the past 87 years which it covers, on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. Reference to a description of the index published in the annual *Labour Report*, issued by the Commonwealth Statistician, will indicate that animal fodders preponderate in the "Agricultural Produce" group, while "Building Materials" include little besides imported timber. In other groups, some principal items have increased in consumption while others have decreased. A new wholesale price index, covering basic materials and foodstuffs, has therefore been computed, in which the items have been regrouped and reweighted as indicated, and comparative index-numbers back to 1928–29 are published in the next statement.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base : 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Wool, Cotton, Leather, &c.	Agri-cultural Produce, &c.	Dairy Produce.	Groceries.	Meat.	Building Materials.	Chemicals.	All Groups.
1861 Year ..	1,438	1,381	1,583	1,008	1,963	..	1,070	2,030	1,538
1871	1,096	1,257	1,236	864	1,586	..	1,044	1,409	1,220
1881	1,178	1,115	1,012	935	1,421	..	1,091	1,587	1,121
1891	895	847	1,024	995	1,032	888	780	1,194	945
1901	1,061	774	928	1,029	1,048	1,345	841	917	974
1911	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1921	2,173	1,362	1,767	2,000	1,976	2,158	2,733	2,303	1,903
1931	1,826	1,039	1,121	1,399	1,794	1,508	2,025	2,166	1,428
1939	1,758	1,101	1,820	1,557	1,752	1,710	2,220	2,075	1,665
1941	1,960	1,402	1,721	1,554	1,884	1,776	3,138	2,527	1,796
1942	2,146	1,507	1,900	1,665	1,938	2,312	3,409	2,437	1,977
1943	2,272	1,945	1,964	1,716	1,939	2,366	3,764	2,442	2,117
1944	2,278	1,967	2,052	1,721	1,949	2,470	3,768	2,442	2,159
1945	2,270	1,960	2,259	1,726	1,967	2,560	3,770	2,527	2,228
1946	2,262	2,062	1,950	1,722	1,977	2,589	3,772	2,614	2,163
1947	2,390	2,690	2,019	1,763	2,174	2,748	3,800	2,843	2,360

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index by the Commonwealth Statistician has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices published in the foregoing statement. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928–29 to 1934–35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats, and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Foodstuffs and Tobacco.	Goods Principally Imported. (a)	Goods Principally Home Produced.	All Groups.
1928–29 Year ..	1,269	1,064	1,288	1,214	1,148	948	1,070	911	1,183	1,103
1931–32	1,081	1,134	765	1,195	738	951	857	996	932	946
1938–39	1,025	1,004	815	1,011	925	970	1,029	991	1,020	1,011
1940–41	1,074	1,374	1,105	1,236	1,256	1,284	1,069	1,325	1,060	1,140
1941–42	1,173	1,509	1,184	1,372	1,350	1,352	1,169	1,525	1,123	1,242
1942–43	1,288	1,667	1,471	1,422	1,379	1,628	1,279	1,760	1,212	1,373
1943–44	1,310	1,695	1,501	1,432	1,398	1,743	1,287	1,824	1,217	1,396
1944–45	1,307	1,676	1,518	1,428	1,398	1,747	1,308	1,819	1,232	1,405
1945–46	1,302	1,561	1,518	1,416	1,398	1,766	1,348	1,782	1,257	1,412
1946–47	1,318	1,453	1,913	1,402	1,313	1,802	1,380	1,768	1,288	1,429
1947–48	1,460	1,607	2,853	1,478	1,262	1,892	1,531	1,924	1,447	1,587
1947–48—										
July	1,353	1,519	2,129	1,412	1,149	1,845	1,438	1,831	1,335	1,481
January	1,513	1,616	3,027	1,529	1,307	1,908	1,567	1,928	1,499	1,625
February	1,513	1,616	3,123	1,529	1,315	1,916	1,588	1,933	1,518	1,639
March	1,514	1,654	2,991	1,529	1,266	1,912	1,588	1,950	1,512	1,640
April	1,514	1,659	3,004	1,532	1,265	1,916	1,589	1,952	1,513	1,642
May	1,571	1,659	3,199	1,532	1,319	1,929	1,588	1,959	1,532	1,658
June	1,571	1,659	3,403	1,533	1,345	1,938	1,588	1,960	1,541	1,664
1948–49—										
July	1,651	1,724	3,323	1,533	1,361	1,942	1,611	2,000	1,570	1,696
August	1,651	1,724	3,328	1,537	1,347	1,947	1,696	2,025	1,625	1,743
September	1,697	1,733	3,371	1,538	1,347	1,956	1,687	2,017	1,636	1,748
October	1,697	1,734	3,197	1,593	1,347	1,956	1,685	2,015	1,633	1,745
November	1,876	1,734	3,484	1,592	1,349	1,958	(b) 1,732	(b) 2,008	(b) 1,722	(b) 1,805
December	1,876	1,734	3,650	1,595	1,312	1,975	1,759	2,010	1,749	1,825
January	1,936	1,745	3,639	1,623	1,275	1,977	1,761	2,013	1,764	1,837
February	1,936	1,745	3,721	1,623	1,268	1,977	1,799	2,018	1,794	1,859
March	1,965	1,745	3,721	1,623	1,250	1,992	1,796	2,002	1,807	1,864

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

(b) Revised figures.

**IV.—COMMONWEALTH SOCIAL SERVICES AND REPATRIATION
BENEFITS IN VICTORIA.**

Period.	Pensioners at End of Period.		Widows Pensions (b) in Force at End of Period.		Maternity Allowances (c) Granted During Period.	Child Endowment (e)	
	Age.	Invalid.	Maintaining a Child.	Not Maintaining a Child.		Claims Current at End of Period.	Endowed Children at End of Period.
1913–14 Year ..	27,150	4,844	..	..	(d)	..	..
1920–21 ..	30,385	11,174	..	..	36,778	..	..
1930–31 ..	49,999	19,925	..	..	32,241	..	..
1938–39 ..	(a) 67,896	(a) 19,471	..	..	20,819	..	..
1940–41 ..	76,371	12,447	..	..	19,150	..	..
1941–42 ..	75,240	12,550	..	..	16,120	124,463	219,680
1942–43 ..	72,102	11,938	3,574	7,136	11,874	124,986	218,551
1943–44 ..	69,156	12,446	3,684	8,283	38,653	128,381	220,884
1944–45 ..	67,240	12,598	3,575	9,039	40,582	131,526	224,146
1945–46 ..	69,308	13,599	3,565	9,183	40,991	135,377	229,982
1946–47 ..	74,770	14,673	3,732	8,579	50,730	141,826	240,810
1947–48 ..	78,057	15,165	4,010	7,249	46,027	148,249	251,145
1st July, 1948, to 28th February, 1949 ..	80,329	15,507	3,948	7,341	31,272	154,568	260,447

(a) During 1939–40 all invalid pensions in force were specially reviewed and, at 30th June, 1940, all those pensioners who had become qualified for age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the age pensions list.

(b) Commenced from 1st July, 1942.

(c) The income restrictions imposed in 1931 and 1932 and modified in 1934, 1936, and 1937 were abolished as from 1st July, 1943.

(d) Not available.

(e) Commenced from 1st July, 1941. Particulars exclude endowed children in approved institutions.

Period.	Unemployment Benefits.(a)				Sickness Benefits.(a)			
	Entrances During Period.		On Benefit at End of Period.		Entrances During Period.		On Benefit at End of Period.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
1945–46 Year ..	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1945–46 Year ..	2,632	63	564	15	8,246	1,923	1,387	403
1946–47 ..	15,645	542	641	26	11,226	3,324	1,819	649
1947–48 ..	971	58	65	1	12,742	4,363	1,757	749
1947–48—								
July ..	224	14	340	17	1,342	443	1,869	716
January ..	58	5	96	7	995	340	1,690	690
February ..	49	..	76	4	873	362	1,697	760
March ..	43	..	61	1	846	320	1,600	745
April ..	29	2	53	2	905	336	1,638	760
May ..	48	1	50	3	1,340	443	1,757	772
June ..	51	1	65	1	939	274	1,757	749
1948–49—								
July ..	44	7	49	4	1,624	547	1,950	797
August ..	34	1	35	3	1,100	398	1,953	840
September ..	25	4	26	3	1,080	324	1,976	810
October ..	19	4	29	5	1,191	417	1,936	793
November ..	12	5	22	4	925	331	1,957	787
December (b) ..	16	2	29	2	812	290	1,927	762
January (b) ..	11	3	21	5	793	264	2,067	796
February (b) ..	14	..	20	3	680	225	2,100	826

(a) Commenced from 1st July, 1945

(b) Subject to revision.

Period.	War Pensions.				Service Pensions.(a)	
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.	Members of Forces.	Dependants of Members of Forces.
At 30th June—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1921	26,053	15,410	33,338	74,801	..	..
1931	25,066	10,994	60,142	96,202	..	..
1939	25,569	8,412	48,264	82,245	1,876	1,330
1941	25,107	7,977	41,036	74,120	2,092	1,353
1942	25,375	8,493	38,435	72,303	3,034	1,462
1943	25,921	9,251	36,583	71,755	2,105	1,204
1944	27,552	10,114	35,802	73,468	2,071	1,193
1945	30,138	10,755	37,334	78,227	2,145	1,148
1946	36,020	13,157	43,849	93,026	2,296	1,106
1947	39,711	13,167	48,101	100,979	2,589	1,134
1948	41,931	13,285	51,648	106,864	2,793	1,192
At 31st March,						
1949	43,431	13,446	54,655	111,532	2,731	1,165

(a) Commenced from 1st January, 1936.

Note.—Particulars are inclusive of war pensions in respect of 1914–1918 War and of service pensions in respect of the South African War and 1914–1918 War.

V.—SHIPPING AND COMMERCE.

VICTORIA—OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING: VESSELS AND TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED.

Period.	Oversea.				Interstate (a).		Total.	
	Direct.		Via Other States.					
	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.
Entered.								
1938-39 Year ..	188	'000 686	548	'000 3,100	2,243	'000 4,751	2,979	'000 8,537
1945-46 ..	172	798	166	873	1,104	1,815	1,442	3,486
1946-47 ..	196	896	274	1,381	1,208	2,564	1,678	4,841
1947-48 ..	238	1,059	384	1,929	1,229	2,694	1,851	5,682
Cleared.								
1938-39 Year ..	195	'000 757	495	'000 2,886	2,299	'000 4,837	2,989	'000 8,480
1945-46 ..	171	839	137	598	1,126	2,045	1,434	3,482
1946-47 ..	182	823	269	1,294	1,207	2,687	1,658	4,804
1947-48 ..	224	983	325	1,542	1,277	3,087	1,826	5,612
Entered.								
1947-48—								
September Quarter ..	48	219	100	476	297	630	445	1,325
December Quarter ..	56	249	96	497	305	682	457	1,428
March Quarter ..	62	265	105	527	300	650	467	1,442
June Quarter ..	72	326	83	429	327	732	482	1,487
1948-49—								
September Quarter ..	71	308	102	568	304	692	477	1,568
December Quarter ..	72	315	116	619	346	841	534	1,775

(a) Includes oversea vessels on interstate voyages.

Note.—The statement excludes particulars of vessels exclusively engaged in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.

OVERSEA TRADE—RECORDED VALUES OF IMPORTS INTO AND EXPORTS FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.

Period.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.
IMPORTS.			
	£	£	£
BRITISH CURRENCY.			
Year ended 30th June—			
1939	35,015,419	439,917	35,455,336
1945	64,507,613	260,929	64,768,542
1946	53,952,607	95,742	54,048,349
1947	66,951,339	120,386	67,071,725
AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY.			
1948	120,504,658	95,346	120,600,004
Nine months ended 31st March, 1949 (a)	107,085,714	145,786	107,231,500
EXPORTS (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY).			
Year ended 30th June—	£	£	£
1939	28,387,611	2,431,401	30,819,012
1945	40,070,161	..	40,070,161(b)
1946	49,505,101	26,411,264	75,916,365
1947	88,601,624	9,734	88,611,358
1948	115,357,695	605,844	115,963,539
Nine months ended 31st March, 1949 (a)	101,310,349	146,804	101,457,153

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Exclusive of Victoria's portion (which is not available) of exports on Government account estimated for Australia at £A.2,000,000 in 1944-45.

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIAN PORTS (SUBJECT TO REVISION).

(As a result of an amendment to the *Customs Act* 1901-1936, the basis of valuation of imports for duty was varied on the 15th November, 1947. Prior to that date imports were valued in British Currency and represented the F.O.B. value at Port of Shipment plus the statutory ten per centum imposed for value for duty purposes. From 15th November, 1947, the statutory ten per centum was eliminated and all imports were valued in Australian Currency, the value for duty of imports therefore represents the F.O.B. Value at Port of Shipment. All import values shown in the following tables are expressed on the revised basis of valuation in Australian Currency F.O.B. at Port of Shipment.)

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Fish	249,796	154,550	641,764	745,272
Other Animal Foodstuffs	18,883	51,762	143,388	131,343
Total, Class I.	268,679	206,312	785,152	876,615

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC.—	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Nuts, Edible	87,911	62,643	270,105	187,834
Spices	53,528	21,249	165,329	87,917
Coffee and Chicory	61,294	19,616	82,405	160,108
Tea	1,256,444	852,435	2,710,240	2,049,815
Cocoa and Chocolate	33,091	70,085	290,666	399,488
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs, &c.	61,821	92,269	349,547	311,444
Total, Class II.	1,554,089	1,118,297	3,868,292	3,196,606
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS	43,036	48,585	117,023	163,161
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF	1,091,946	823,645	2,332,055	2,410,497
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	52,968	40,292	95,196	123,485
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS—				
Hides and Skins	131,565	73,432	540,875	291,765
Wool	99,209	54,895	388,438	142,523
Silk, Raw	120,536	76,304	347,655	366,211
Other Animal Substances	41,835	47,681	191,850	156,944
Total, Class VI.	393,145	252,312	1,468,818	957,443
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—				
Seeds	111,122	38,625	247,047	302,132
Fibres	820,007	159,441	1,870,016	2,309,221
Gums, Resins, and Balsams	63,479	36,859	217,965	135,951
Cork and Cork Manufactures	63,605	18,472	127,858	71,915
Plastic Materials (except Fibres)	210,564	177,033	850,724	571,484
Other Vegetable Substances	101,413	89,347	323,259	285,654
Total, Class VII.	1,370,190	519,777	3,636,869	3,676,357
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—				
Yarns	1,264,348	1,319,709	3,331,735	4,777,908
Manufactured Fibres	1,497,202	1,089,833	3,058,190	2,525,396
Textiles—				
Piece Goods	4,681,843	5,535,739	15,194,847	16,671,207
Other	1,024,343	1,128,976	2,580,713	3,833,877
Apparel	781,527	1,417,289	2,237,103	3,762,055
Total, Class VIII.	9,249,263	10,491,546	26,402,588	31,570,443
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES—				
Linseed Oil	91,869	39,218	363,001	312,593
Paraffin Wax	84,527	7,448	245,885	142,762
Petroleum and Shale Oils—				
Petroleum	1,034,332	1,507,260	3,393,956	4,524,596
Kerosene	223,599	202,458	815,925	828,411
Residual	290,550	387,108	1,020,209	1,783,227
Lubricating (Mineral)	157,203	410,530	1,013,945	1,036,136
Other	137,524	137,126	359,690	323,495
Other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	171,786	112,694	564,542	353,317
Total, Class IX.	2,191,390	2,803,842	7,777,153	9,304,537

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEAS COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	160,995	220,057	413,677	600,948
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC.	208,205	555,079	567,043	1,160,539
CLASS XII.(a)—METALS AND MANUFACTURES—				
Iron and Steel—				
Plate and Sheet	702,097	1,117,216	2,249,946	2,841,691
Other	103,025	160,265	282,691	381,607
Tools of Trade	196,702	154,791	510,348	450,086
Vehicles—				
Aircraft and Parts	323,498	412,854	819,688	1,356,063
Motor Cars, &c.—				
Complete	20,209	11,997	60,693	28,791
Bodies, Chassis, and Parts	2,154,009	3,037,990	4,682,688	8,614,881
Other Vehicles and Parts	304,672	354,741	739,803	886,417
Other Metals and Manufactures	986,881	1,044,719	2,450,678	2,998,510
Total, Class XII.(a)	4,791,093	6,294,573	11,796,535	17,558,046
CLASS XII.(b)—DYNAMO ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES, EQUIPMENT, ETC.—				
Dynamo Electrical Machinery	189,613	326,220	427,573	935,128
Wireless (Radio) Equipment	35,563	16,447	99,706	78,431
Other Electrical Machinery, &c.	521,953	879,680	1,288,996	2,551,948
Total, Class XII.(b)	747,129	1,222,347	1,816,275	3,565,507
CLASS XII.(c)—MACHINES AND MACHINERY (EXCEPT DYNAMO ELECTRICAL)—				
Motive Power Machinery and Appliances	906,811	1,306,255	2,394,533	3,417,475
Metal Working Machinery and Appliances	415,003	310,860	1,470,167	1,027,518
Roller and Ball Bearings	244,372	226,221	518,239	578,502
Other Machines and Machinery	1,358,601	2,117,055	3,354,383	5,232,495
Total, Class XII.(c)	2,924,787	3,960,391	7,737,322	10,255,990
Total, Class XII.	8,463,009	11,477,311	21,350,132	31,379,543
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF—				
Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, Masticated, &c.	378,639	282,018	1,014,045	1,383,866
Rubber Manufactures—				
Tyres, Pneumatic and Other	48,415	133,736	76,257	316,255
Elastics	72,711	36,631	279,900	130,837
Other	101,858	85,665	213,808	276,139
Leather and Leather Manufactures	42,350	50,499	152,741	159,411
Total, Class XIII.	643,973	588,549	1,736,751	2,266,508
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER—				
Timber	277,633	907,025	802,230	2,253,413
Other Wood and Wicker	47,259	70,470	139,846	193,221
Total, Class XIV.	324,892	977,495	942,076	2,446,634

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEAS COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE—	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Glass and Glassware .. .	283,084	185,979	782,152	628,459
Crockery and Household Ware .. .	184,241	265,468	523,197	877,465
Other Earthenware, &c. .. .	85,020	146,494	208,553	392,987
Total, Class XV. .. .	552,345	597,941	1,513,902	1,898,911
CLASS XVI.(a)—PULP, PAPER, AND BOARD—				
Pulp for Papermaking .. .	373,824	485,528	989,988	1,189,327
Paper—				
Printing .. .	743,304	500,904	2,178,302	1,196,617
Writing and Typewriting .. .	330,441	68,891	678,855	369,317
Wrapping .. .	223,784	119,910	533,066	507,609
Other .. .	176,643	247,883	471,999	692,158
Millboards and Other Boards .. .	145,085	50,381	408,281	193,151
Total, Class XVI.(a) .. .	1,993,081	1,473,497	5,260,491	4,148,179
CLASS XVI.(b)—PAPER MANUFACTURES AND STATIONERY—				
Books (printed), Directories, &c. .. .	203,655	200,000	718,954	705,728
Other Stationery, &c. .. .	306,310	176,652	876,319	670,745
Total, Class XVI.(b) .. .	509,965	376,652	1,595,273	1,376,473
Total, Class XVI. .. .	2,503,046	1,850,149	6,855,764	5,524,652
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIMEPIECES—				
Fancy Goods, including Sporting Materials and Toys .. .	114,948	126,760	412,168	559,546
Jewellery .. .	151,481	122,910	339,799	423,047
Timepieces .. .	134,081	130,649	364,488	356,613
Total, Class XVII. .. .	400,510	380,319	1,116,455	1,339,206
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS .. .	270,939	391,443	774,877	1,052,107
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS—				
Drugs and Chemicals .. .	738,176	831,872	2,150,833	2,791,767
Fertilizers .. .	140,857	235,307	602,636	636,211
Total, Class XIX. .. .	879,033	1,067,179	2,753,469	3,427,978
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS—				
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives .. .	76,172	262,679	373,326	621,441
Bags, Baskets, &c... .. .	23,781	29,413	88,388	99,567
Brushware .. .	24,881	15,942	89,419	69,052
Outside Packages .. .	578,547	687,821	1,614,894	1,974,199
All Other Articles .. .	291,696	330,518	780,389	945,285
Total, Class XX. .. .	995,077	1,326,373	2,946,416	3,709,544
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER: BRONZE SPECIE .. .	364	66,925	44,416	145,786
Grand Total .. .	31,617,094	35,803,428	87,498,124	107,231,500

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIAN PORTS (SUBJECT TO REVISION).

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—				
Meats—				
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	26,048	21,902	103,111	115,828
Lamb	867,487	1,360,345	2,488,677	1,617,548
Mutton	73,924	92,920	151,327	126,177
Pork	7,131	114,160	59,579	144,833
Poultry	111,525	167,761	412,133	444,634
Rabbits and Hares	180,960	458,977	844,764	1,421,998
Other	48,785	85,334	159,322	164,056
Preserved in Tins	313,053	390,318	1,030,216	1,858,761
Sausage Casings	132,241	130,071	242,760	229,932
Other	20,408	39,604	132,738	165,139
Butter	3,233,677	3,578,974	8,104,977	8,487,452
Cheese	386,583	689,347	1,241,260	1,652,287
Eggs	285,493	426,048	1,313,598	1,332,343
Honey	54,862	152,718	215,276	350,729
Milk and Cream	674,515	1,034,262	2,283,130	2,689,528
Other Animal Foodstuffs	94,256	108,557	337,753	343,671
Total, Class I.	6,510,948	8,851,898	19,120,621	21,144,916
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC.—				
Grains and Cereals—				
Unprepared—				
Wheat	4,037,201	1,967,139	6,055,740	4,186,743
Oats	574,543	649,357	577,842	2,734,083
Barley	50	292,351	52,734	813,325
Other	26,661	99	84,780	5,401
Prepared—				
Barley, pearl and scotch	164,759	11,535	357,725	86,550
Rice	48,676	28,141	247,474	199,325
Flour (Wheaten)	2,634,846	1,906,124	8,245,209	8,548,283
Oatmeal and Rolled Oats	124,399	39,758	328,288	226,091
Other	235,623	471,586	598,753	1,594,843
Macaroni and Vermicelli	20,078	26,768	67,949	73,393
Biscuits	826	346	14,036	1,439
Vegetables—				
Potatoes, Fresh	1,691	1,855	137,552	24,606
Peas	22,142	54,457	92,885	210,748
Preserved in liquid and pulped	173,005	6,951	289,315	41,974
Other	151,366	96,552	207,528	385,837
Fruits—				
Fresh	113,710	93,718	266,364	333,249
Dried	61,882	133,953	993,265	1,938,191
Preserved in liquid	80,606	142,251	1,388,340	1,907,204
Pulped	6,344	2,613	29,026	19,211
Jams and Jellies	134,706	122,900	727,601	773,095
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	173,660	239,192	712,156	1,196,325
Total, Class II.	8,786,774	6,287,646	21,474,562	25,299,916
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS	79,321	95,582	260,299	242,675

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.		Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
		1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
		£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF	.. ..	1,043	1,717	15,444	60,332
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	.. ..	11,287	49,232	55,895	78,185
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS—					
Hides and Skins—					
Rabbit and Hare	.. ..	238,189	61,011	1,516,124	1,064,677
Calf, Cattle, and Horse	.. ..	15,751	50,479	48,077	182,645
Sheep (with wool and without wool)		1,028,118	1,009,171	2,652,350	2,417,587
Other	.. ..	4,775	1,586	23,717	7,982
Wool—					
Greasy	.. ..	12,116,614	17,959,450	19,678,471	34,992,032
Scoured, Tops, and Waste	.. ..	2,473,395	3,352,443	7,197,349	8,084,786
Other Animal Substances	.. ..	5,859	7,634	29,017	15,715
Total, Class VI.	.. ..	15,882,701	22,441,774	31,145,105	46,765,424
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—					
Fibres	.. ..	51,456	2,204	172,167	27,017
Other Vegetable Substances	.. ..	29,525	22,774	139,042	149,446
Total, Class VII.	.. ..	80,981	24,978	311,209	176,463
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES, AND APPAREL—					
Yarns and Manufactured Fibres	.. ..	132,463	41,414	1,162,980	462,325
Textiles	.. ..	174,272	108,888	1,215,755	555,591
Apparel	.. ..	63,113	97,677	453,726	207,774
Total, Class VIII.	.. ..	369,848	247,979	2,832,461	1,225,690
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES—					
Tallow, inedible	.. ..	45,483	94,252	145,709	223,176
Other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	.. ..	74,786	114,414	240,863	335,213
Total, Class IX.	.. ..	120,269	208,666	386,572	558,389
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	.. ..	6,795	11,718	26,731	48,448
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC.	.. ..	117,981	162,705	339,817	462,408
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY—					
Metals and Metal Manufactures (except Electrical)	.. ..	401,091	337,580	1,676,523	1,175,978
Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Appliances	.. ..	54,662	54,717	230,727	218,812
Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)	.. ..	483,469	289,828	1,489,575	1,164,377
Total, Class XII.	.. ..	939,222	682,125	3,396,825	2,559,167

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1948.		1949.	
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF—				
Rubber and Rubber Manufactures ..	16,811	10,560	166,172	39,527
Leather and Leather Manufactures ..	223,448	183,459	718,860	586,972
Total, Class XIII. ..	240,259	194,019	885,032	626,499
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER ..	9,545	14,019	42,925	50,741
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE ..	15,618	14,532	60,429	50,875
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY—				
Pulp, Paper, and Board ..	9,546	2,066	32,101	51,175
Paper Manufactures and Stationery ..	36,428	28,094	163,201	119,265
Total, Class XVI. ..	45,974	30,160	195,302	170,440
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, AND TIMEPIECES ..	30,351	26,678	87,538	69,670
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS ..	60,927	30,979	219,441	167,181
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS—				
Soap	2,861	10,330	14,978	13,645
Fertilizers .. .. .. ..	..	..	294	1,942
Other Drugs and Chemicals ..	201,572	193,164	859,719	652,906
Total, Class XIX. ..	204,433	203,494	874,991	668,493
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS—				
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives ..	44,319	31,122	192,205	188,738
Personal and Household Effects ..	37,698	39,385	136,131	110,791
All Other Articles	116,030	217,615	352,161	584,908
Total, Class XX. ..	198,047	288,122	680,497	884,437
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE	91,875	112	605,344	146,804
Australian Produce	33,649,065	39,720,921	81,527,112	100,550,232
Other Produce	155,134	147,214	1,489,928	906,921
Grand Total	33,804,199	39,868,135	83,017,040	101,457,153

VICTORIA—OVERSEAS TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

Imports of Products or Manufactures of—	Year Ended 30th June—			Nine Months Ended 31st March, 1949. (a)
	1939.	1947.	1948.	
	British Currency Values—		Australian Currency Values—	
	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom	14,540,751	25,089,477	48,661,112	56,615,535
Australian Territories	577,999	162,493	276,392	598,679
Borneo (British)	12,458	102,034	226,772	213,087
Canada	2,665,240	4,737,880	5,247,001	2,663,695
Ceylon	213,320	2,118,909	3,360,294	1,909,413
East Africa (British)	36,197	242,735	180,601	669,955
India, Dominion of	793,488	5,141,487	8,023,371	5,566,422
Malaya, Federation of	485,251	1,279,279	1,688,401	1,422,761
Newfoundland and Labrador .. .. ..	..	173,968	220,522	67,400
New Zealand	991,983	1,547,143	1,350,795	867,696
Pacific Islands (British)	93,248	47,287	198,558	19,898
Rhodesia, Northern and Southern	14,132	203,917	232,105	640,665
Singapore	(b)	(b)	99,639	528,741
South Africa, Union of	84,676	642,887	1,194,078	619,902
West Africa (British)	69,280	195,294	580,368	186,450
Other British Possessions	99,421	387,900	416,248	307,405
Bahrein Islands	266,517	1,323,315	1,759,779	828,049
Belgium	353,216	501,783	1,721,610	885,038
Brazil	39,034	346,153	508,860	350,294
China	140,900	349,900	440,563	513,417
Czechoslovakia	196,669	38,346	714,718	1,148,860
Egypt	70,436	375,342	280,212	549,593
Finland	102,237	42,347	470,709	672,991
France	394,105	542,005	1,206,719	1,136,539
Germany	1,537,847	110,685	379,509	605,398
Italy	257,160	821,855	985,011	1,228,046
Japan	1,716,486	535,471	653,523	511,046
Netherlands	209,945	142,371	853,370	933,652
Netherlands Dependency—Indonesia ..	2,044,057	55,608	938,918	2,849,123
Norway	143,595	183,890	1,088,233	899,407
Persia (Iran)	382,568	2,173,796	3,165,046	2,441,827
Portugal	55,247	108,918	165,754	59,320
Sweden	459,959	642,625	1,985,918	3,241,605
Switzerland	406,975	402,970	743,390	580,088
United States of America	4,792,784	14,227,684	27,042,090	11,623,464
Uruguay .. .. ..	..	25	53,614	203,568
Other Foreign Countries	463,078	587,991	1,110,400	997,333
Country not stated .. .. ..	..	226,538	143,136	100,939
Total (excluding Outside Packages)..	34,710,259	65,812,308	118,367,339	105,257,301

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Included in "Malaya, Federation of".

VICTORIA—OVERSEA TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES—*continued.*

Exports to—	Year Ended 30th June—			Nine Months Ended 31st March, 1949. (a)
	1939.	1947.	1948.	
Australian Currency Values—				
	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom	15,266,925	28,247,445	43,924,370	39,736,139
Australian Territories	139,477	256,405	308,100	246,505
Borneo (British)	3,958	246,919	135,307	92,418
Canada	492,839	1,911,946	1,668,803	2,730,826
Ceylon	144,742	3,194,920	3,573,898	2,190,323
East Africa (British)	2,625	106,331	142,178	173,663
Eire	549	152,908	347,280	45,508
Hong Kong	164,238	2,416,678	2,913,620	1,104,981
India, Dominion of	342,958	4,121,914	10,105,140	3,958,991
Malaya, Federation of	618,214	6,060,455	3,494,769	2,476,833
Mauritius and Dependencies	64,568	1,248,577	915,134	92,287
New Zealand	1,906,752	3,878,968	4,465,176	3,299,770
Pacific Islands (British)	116,218	203,818	283,523	182,023
Singapore	(b)	(b)	2,209,309	1,727,562
South Africa, Union of	500,433	1,740,089	904,330	667,114
West Indies (British)	72,270	87,998	403,265	360,901
Other British Possessions	139,602	335,194	1,025,087	1,348,492
Belgium	654,276	3,241,045	2,822,414	1,557,057
Burma	22,727	411,685	686,479	268,920
China	576,750	1,804,416	1,011,869	437,816
Czechoslovakia	23,763	317,523	169,743	163,094
Denmark	16,796	607,763	585,924	775,243
Egypt	73,572	1,959,388	2,111,360	1,590,501
France	2,167,616	4,366,040	7,304,353	7,917,138
Germany	450,788	83,732	1,141,279	826,040
Iraq	46	305,351	137,535	331,568
Italy	272,391	2,580,989	3,285,383	7,039,702
Japan	1,690,971	164,347	350,796	549,811
Mexico	35,134	439,561	150,789	205,750
Netherlands	149,453	505,013	473,677	1,116,215
Netherlands Dependency—Indonesia	613,570	30,266	5,813	609,888
Norway	17,963	153,686	157,093	54,989
Palestine	4,232	1,020,895	2,531,792	403,642
Persia (Iran)	26	256,368	150,856	162,828
Poland	121,660	256,098	301,859	1,076,765
Soviet Russia (U.S.S.R.) .. . . .	..	262,635	2,027,568	5,448,508
Sweden	171,354	1,021,286	942,942	1,240,704
Switzerland	4,002	305,312	307,330	163,646
Turkey	14,414	266,428	513,035	871,574
United States of America	3,378,036	12,785,014	10,650,290	6,169,135
Other Foreign Countries	383,104	1,254,527	1,324,071	2,042,283
Country not stated .. . . .	..	1,425	..	..
Total	30,819,012	88,611,358	115,963,539	101,457,153

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Included in "Malaya, Federation of".

QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO
OVERSEAS COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Commodity.		Year Ended 30th June—			Nine Months Ended 31st March, 1949.(a)
		1946.	1947.	1948	
Wool—					
Greasy .. .	.. { lb. £	122,598,522 9,718,556	193,595,564 20,799,838	172,361,720 29,605,003	157,523,787 34,992,032
Scoured and Washed ..	.. { lb. £	17,577,493 2,421,215	44,391,722 6,658,839	40,605,587 7,247,658	30,225,440 6,794,590
Tops, Noils, and Waste ..	.. { lb. £	8,557,169 2,110,684	9,845,839 2,157,926	8,939,815 2,132,359	6,353,628 1,660,251
Butter .. .	.. { lb. £	57,714,740 5,116,989	82,594,500 7,766,346	82,259,802 9,212,338	64,267,462 8,487,452
Wheat .. .	.. { centals £	144 122	410,976 312,072	7,935,448 11,626,097	3,238,902 4,186,743
Flour (wheaten) .. .	.. { centals £	2,556,857 2,897,017	4,429,523 7,025,624	5,913,322 11,653,993	4,012,447 8,548,283
Fruits—					
Dried .. .	.. { lb. £	63,089,291 1,393,976	70,682,940 1,682,138	63,918,567 1,554,839	70,172,256 1,938,191
Fresh .. .	.. { lb. £	17,666,700 297,547	19,131,200 477,743	32,171,900 657,620	14,910,600 333,249
Preserved in Liquid ..	.. { lb. £	23,545,821 518,786	45,197,285 1,368,813	60,326,484 1,843,754	57,491,496 1,907,204
Meats—					
Beef (frozen) .. .	.. { lb. £	1,212,459 37,622	17,909,891 445,946	4,121,732 137,160	2,200,668 115,828
Lamb (frozen) .. .	.. { lb. £	18,560,104 568,285	79,827,160 2,576,358	66,926,694 2,558,208	39,873,652 1,617,548
Mutton (frozen) .. .	.. { lb. £	8,884,125 190,576	29,936,686 486,341	10,815,783 213,859	5,318,129 126,177
Pork (frozen) .. .	.. { lb. £	10,479,042 409,856	4,013,637 169,480	1,160,739 73,765	2,245,640 144,833
Poultry (frozen) .. .	.. { £	7,619	221,147	595,112	444,634
Rabbits and Hares (frozen) ..	.. { pairs £	1,035,311 109,044	4,528,137 528,825	9,279,969 1,353,986	8,873,608 1,421,998
Preserved in Tins .. .	.. { lb. £	28,092,602 1,461,462	34,444,231 2,061,345	26,543,062 1,525,841	32,465,349 1,858,761
Sausage Casings .. .	.. { cwt. £	7,196 174,749	10,437 271,727	9,085 329,684	5,716 229,932
All Other Meats .. .	.. { £	385,230	357,232	379,846	329,195
Milk and Cream .. .	.. { £	1,425,160	2,733,230	2,961,437	2,689,528
Hides and Skins—					
Sheep (with wool) .. .	.. { lb. £	44,051,793 1,803,678	54,476,850 3,379,693	32,038,120 3,246,515	21,936,222 2,376,789
Rabbit and Hare .. .	.. { lb. £	6,203,553 2,616,670	4,947,452 2,020,950	5,520,569 1,786,345	3,601,548 1,064,677
Other Skins .. .	.. { £	295,928	340,946	196,158	190,627
Tallow (inedible) .. .	.. { cwt. £	36,555 71,091	16,895 94,682	30,324 195,140	36,920 223,176
Eggs in shell .. .	.. { dozen £	1,880,850 126,923	3,479,898 230,238	4,195,405 461,553	4,982,750 579,228
Eggs not in Shell .. .	.. { £	531,365	895,374	1,103,221	753,115
Cheese .. .	.. { lb. £	11,923,578 642,800	30,311,114 1,430,698	25,575,894 1,697,685	23,227,554 1,652,287

(a) Subject to revision.

VI.—LAND TRANSPORT.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES UNDER THE CONTROL OF RAILWAYS COMMISSIONERS).

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				Six Months Ended 31st December, 1948.
	1939.	1946.	1947.	1948.	
Average Mileage Operated ..	4,754	4,748	4,748	4,725	(b)
Traffic Train Miles Run '000	17,890	16,344	15,539	16,819	8,442
Passengers Journeys .. '000	142,124	196,118	170,165	182,210	87,638
Goods Carried tons '000	5,250	6,609	6,861	7,757	3,944
Live Stock Carried tons '000	726	(a) 620	700	683	339

(a) Estimated. (b) Not yet available.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1946.	1947.	1948.
Gross Revenue £'000	9,284	14,675	13,577	16,321
Working Expenses £'000	8,060	12,531	12,916	15,225
Net Earnings (a) £'000	1,224	2,144	661	1,096
Interest Charges, Exchange and Contributions to National Debt				
Sinking Fund, &c. £'000	2,168	2,209	2,131	2,154
Net Result for Year £'000	— 944	— 65	— 1,470	— 1,058
Net Earnings on Capital Cost (b) .. %	2·33	4·02	1·23	2·01

(a) Before the payment of capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, &c.

(b) Capital cost as written down in accordance with *Railways (Finances Adjustment) Act 1936*.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1946.	1947.	1948.
Tramway Track Open—				
Double .. miles	(a) 127·344	124·777	125·996	126·198
Single .. miles	5·915	6·591	5·380	5·161
Motor Omnibus Route .. miles	48·616	68·602	68·602	68·602
Vehicle Mileage—				
Tramways .. miles	22,980,520	22,673,730	22,494,656	22,553,591
Motor Omnibuses .. miles	2,164,930	7,865,400	6,928,996	7,875,206
Passenger Journeys—				
Tramways .. No.	182,094,402	281,198,208	262,406,398	255,830,738
Motor Omnibuses .. No.	11,911,439	70,196,236	57,947,171	67,154,138
Revenue—	£	£	£	£
Traffic Receipts	2,304,946	4,004,377	3,847,643	3,839,016
Other	15,280	16,563	22,008	17,537
Total Revenue	2,320,226	4,020,940	3,869,651	3,856,553
Operating Expenses (b)	1,516,717	2,602,944	2,764,263	3,099,062
Surplus on Operation	803,509	1,417,996	1,105,388	757,491

(a) Including 7·894 miles of cable tramway. The cable tramway service ceased operation on 26th October, 1940.

(b) Excluding interest and other charges and appropriations.

VICTORIA—MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.
(Excluding Commonwealth-owned vehicles and Defence Service vehicles.)

Period.	Motor Vehicles—				Motor Cycles.
	Private.	Commercial and Hire.	Primary Producers' (a).	Total.	
REGISTRATION OF NEW VEHICLES.					
1938-39 Year ..	15,249	3,953	2,494	21,696	2,140
1944-45 ..	533	1,813	437	2,783	84
1945-46 ..	1,205	2,037	311	3,553	377
1946-47 ..	6,122	3,222	1,411	10,755	1,642
1947-48 ..	12,164	6,055	3,293	21,512	3,479
Nine months ended 31st March, 1949 ..	13,406	5,372	3,150	21,928	3,628
RE-REGISTRATION OF USED VEHICLES.					
1938-39 Year ..	13,718	3,459	3,277	20,454	4,787
1944-45 ..	10,812	2,980	2,550	16,342	4,550
1945-46 ..	12,417	6,586	2,924	21,927	6,235
1946-47 ..	9,874	6,246	2,983	19,103	5,428
1947-48 ..	7,896	4,472	2,466	14,834	3,862
Nine months ended 31st March, 1949 ..	6,364	3,325	2,171	11,860	2,877
RENEWALS OF REGISTRATION.					
1938-39 Year ..	122,164	28,750	41,656	192,570	19,771
1944-45 ..	127,119	35,139	52,014	214,272	15,164
1945-46 ..	130,735	38,309	52,747	221,791	16,616
1946-47 ..	137,859	44,689	53,548	236,096	19,102
1947-48 ..	147,271	50,433	55,233	252,937	21,742
Nine months ended 31st March, 1949 ..	119,508	41,297	42,053	202,858	17,889

(a) Includes private cars and commercial vehicles, separate particulars of which are not available.

VICTORIA—TRANSPORT BOARD LICENCES.

Type of Licence.	Licences in Force at 30th June—			
	1939.	1946.	1947.	1948.
Temporary Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	79 1,098	1,102 431	1,172 2,192	963 4,377
Commercial Goods Vehicles				
Total, Temporary Licences	1,177	1,533	3,364	5,340
Permanent "Discretionary" Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	976 1,894	1,849 822	2,348 1,058	2,563 1,367
Commercial Goods Vehicles				
Total, "Discretionary" Licences	2,870	2,671	3,406	3,930
Licences Issued "As of Right"—				
To operate for hire or reward—				
Within 25 miles of Melbourne	4,751	7,937	9,136	8,780
Within 25 miles of Ballarat, Bendigo, or Geelong	439	903	1,038	955
Within 20 miles of places of business of owners generally outside radius of Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong	4,203	7,392	8,022	7,467
Primary Producers	699	3,285	4,275	4,829
Commercial Goods Vehicles owned by Butter and Cheese Factories	297	418	473	469
Ancillary Carriers	20,062	24,298	26,554	27,012
Vehicles carrying Third Schedule Goods, Racecourse Floats, Petroleum Tank Wagons, and Commercial Travellers' Vehicles	914	2,584	3,741	4,294
Total, "As of Right"	31,365	46,817	53,239	53,806
Additional Licences to Commercial Goods Vehicles to Carry Passengers	558	207	283	335
Grand Total	35,970	51,228	60,292	63,411

VICTORIA — TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

(As reported to the Police.)

Period.		Number of Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Number of Persons Killed.	Number of Persons Injured.	Number of Accidents in which no Person was Killed or Injured.	Total Number of Accidents.
<i>City of Melbourne.</i>						
1938-39 Year	..	1,470	47	1,593	4,161	5,831
1945-46	"	1,064	42	1,156	1,557	2,621
1946-47	"	1,104	34	1,254	2,018	3,122
1947-48	"	1,073	34	1,169	2,023	3,096
<i>Metropolitan Area (excluding City of Melbourne).</i>						
1938-39 Year	..	3,508	177	3,862	5,534	9,042
1945-46	"	2,778	120	3,209	2,725	5,503
1946-47	"	3,515	155	3,997	3,949	7,464
1947-48	"	3,349	153	3,718	3,778	7,127
<i>Outside Metropolitan Area.</i>						
1938-39 Year	..	1,558	194	1,973	2,265	3,823
1945-46	"	1,443	174	1,837	1,604	3,047
1946-47	"	1,903	197	2,559	2,080	3,983
1947-48	"	1,830	175	2,323	2,232	4,062
<i>Total—Victoria.</i>						
1938-39 Year	..	6,536	418	7,428	11,960	18,496
1945-46	"	5,285	336	6,202	5,886	11,171
1946-47	"	6,522	386	7,810	8,047	14,569
1947-48	"	6,252	362	7,210	8,033	14,285
1947-48—						
September Quarter	..	1,596	92	1,771	2,094	3,690
December Quarter	..	1,531	87	1,814	2,007	3,538
March Quarter	..	1,436	82	1,663	1,924	3,360
June Quarter	..	1,689	101	1,962	2,008	3,697
1948-49—						
September Quarter	..	1,565	101	1,799	(a)	(a)
December Quarter	..	1,748	103	2,081	(a)	(a)

(a) Not available.

VII.—FINANCE.

VICTORIA—CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Revenue.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Taxation (a)	10,085	4,295	4,669	5,847	6,004
Railways	9,349	15,590	14,822	13,785	16,308
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	2,300	2,728	2,551	2,688	2,823
Land	387	938	882	825	846
Interest n.e.i.	1,881	1,474	1,511	1,580	1,740
Commonwealth Payments—					
Under Financial Agreement	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127
Income Tax Reimbursement (b) .. . . . .	..	6,423	6,431	..	9,881
Entertainments Tax Reimbursement (b) .. . . . .	..	..	373	373	..
All other Revenue	857	1,325	1,825	1,736	1,999
Total Revenue	26,986	35,273	35,191	37,359	41,728
Total Revenue per Head of Population	£ s. d. 14 7 10	£ s. d. 17 11 9	£ s. d. 17 8 4	£ s. d. 18 6 3	£ s. d. 20 3 4

(a) For details see page 26.

(b) Under the provisions of the Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursements Acts of 1942 and States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act 1946.

VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE FROM CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Expenditure.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Public Debt Charges—					
Interest on Funded Debt	6,640	6,285	6,214	6,055	6,166
Exchange on Interest Payments	669	687	645	585	587
Sinking Fund Contributions	859	1,327	1,407	1,474	1,555
Other	62	133	137	102	84
Railways	7,694	12,427	12,073	12,374	14,560
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	980	1,579	1,802	1,711	1,897
Education	3,123	3,976	4,362	5,216	6,244
Public Health	143	175	199	252	336
Hospitals	1,054	1,813	2,042	2,555	2,841
Other Charities (a)	2,302	760	584	537	721
Law, Order, and Public Safety	1,285	1,789	1,769	2,028	2,277
All other Expenditure	2,962	3,973	3,951	4,465	5,014
Total Expenditure	27,773	34,924	35,185	37,354	42,282
Total Expenditure per Head of Population	£ s. d. 14 16 4	£ s. d. 17 8 3	£ s. d. 17 8 3	£ s. d. 18 6 2	£ s. d. 20 8 8

(a) Including contributions to Unemployment Relief Fund.

VICTORIA—STATE TAXATION.

Tax.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939. £'000	1945. £'000	1946. £'000	1947. £'000	1948. £'000
State Taxation Collections—					
Income Taxes (a)	6,251	94	86	89	86
Land Tax	482	358	321	383	374
Probate Duty	1,374	1,854	1,825	2,461	2,096
Stamp Duties, n.e.i.	960	887	1,071	1,335	1,482
Motor Taxation	1,914	1,655	1,847	2,094	2,389
Entertainments	677	646	878	969	1,252
Liquor	255	382	389	484	551
All other Taxes	110	107	110	127	135
Paid to Consolidated Revenue ..	10,085	4,295	4,669	5,847	6,004
Paid to Special Funds ..	1,938	1,688	1,858	2,095	2,361
Total	12,023	5,983	6,527	7,942	8,365
Commonwealth Reimbursements—					
Income Tax .. ..	..	6,423	6,431	} 8,771	9,881
Entertainments Tax .. ..	..	373	373		
Total .. ..	..	6,796	6,804	8,771	9,881
Grand Total ..	12,023	12,779	13,331	16,713	18,246
Per head of Population—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
State Collections	6 8 3	2 19 8	3 4 8	3 17 10	4 1 1
Commonwealth Reimbursements .. ..	..	3 7 9	3 7 4	4 6 0	4 15 10
Total	6 8 3	6 7 5	6 12 0	8 3 10	8 16 11

(a) Including Unemployment Relief Tax.

VICTORIA—STATE EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUNDS AND ON ACCOUNT OF LOANS.

Heads of Expenditure.	During Year Ended 30th June—			Total to 30th June, 1948.
	1946.	1947.	1948.	
Public Works—	£	£	£	£
Railways—				
As reduced	389,434	488,050	479,275	51,981,277
Transferred .. ..	..	..	..	29,134,658
Roads and Bridges	11,119	38,866	26,639	12,732,024
Water Supply and Sewerage	435,575	1,466,122	1,895,260	36,128,340
Electricity Supply .. ..	..	..	..	17,839,227
Public Buildings—				
Schools	177,107	539,436	609,867	7,592,805
Hospitals	118,020	176,230	213,343	1,903,976
Other	66,890	81,950	180,268	1,832,455
Housing	25,285	528,562	469,743	2,963,590
Unemployment Relief	433	..	..	13,147,158
Other Public Works	14,767	125,869	310,211	4,208,518
Primary Production—				
Land Settlement (a)	69,378	2,226,665	5,408,434	49,275,411
Advances to Settlers	(b) 223,158	(b) 99,253	(b) 217,129	3,898,329
Wire Netting Advances	5,878	..	16,004	901,733
Bulk Handling of Wheat .. ..	..	..	..	1,000,000
Forestry	657,029	1,329,450	1,112,650	5,541,220
Mining (including State Coal Mine)	499	197	223	592,309
Other Primary Production	9,562	10,230	15,493	1,132,592
Other Purposes .. ..	..	..	58,112	509,062
Total Public Works, &c.	2,204,134	7,110,880	11,012,651	242,314,684
In Aid of Revenue .. ..	..	..	..	9,118,682
Grand Total	2,204,134	7,110,880	11,012,651	251,433,366

(a) Including Soldier Settlement.

(b) Including Drought Relief, £129,000 in 1945-46, £88,410 in 1946-47, and £182,001 in 1947-48.

VICTORIA—STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

At 30th June—	Repayable in—			Total.	Total Public Debt per Head of Population.
	London.	New York.	Australia.		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
1914	39,275	..	26,856	66,131	46 10 1
1919	43,400	..	39,994	83,394	56 11 8
1929	59,835	4,658	89,336	153,829	86 19 7
1939	62,498	4,499	112,701	179,698	(a) 95 13 3
1947	56,158	4,501	122,437	183,096	89 1 9
1948	56,132	4,570	128,243	188,945	(a) 90 7 6

(a) Revised figures.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS (a)—AVERAGE DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES IN VICTORIA.

Period.	Deposits—			Advances.	Ratio of Advances to Total Deposits.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
1945-46 (ten months)	81,281	127,949	209,230	73,618	35.19
Year 1946-47	74,109	141,949	216,058	86,847	40.20
,, 1947-48	71,379	157,886	229,265	113,490	49.50
Quarter ended March, 1948 ..	70,995	164,241	235,236	115,975	49.30
,, June, 1948 ..	69,995	170,854	240,849	120,490	50.03
,, September, 1948 ..	70,432	165,844	236,276	129,482	54.80
,, December, 1948 ..	75,400	181,853	257,253	140,022	54.43
,, March, 1949 ..	74,329	195,020	269,349	142,890	53.05
1948—Month of January	72,067	156,547	228,614	115,574	50.55
,, February	71,116	162,617	233,733	116,551	49.87
,, March	70,040	171,695	241,735	115,835	47.92
1949—Month of January	75,128	188,308	263,436	142,705	54.17
,, February	74,383	193,241	267,624	142,508	53.25
,, March	73,646	201,814	275,460	143,344	52.04

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act* 1945. Includes General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank of Australia. Average deposits and advances at close of business on Mondays in periods to December, 1946; thereafter on Wednesdays in periods.

MELBOURNE BANKS' CLEARING HOUSE.

Period.	Total Amount Cleared.
	£'000
1929 Year	814,668
1939	864,631
1945	1,484,398
1946	1,825,986
1947	1,964,025
1948	2,365,782
1947—March Quarter	432,981
June Quarter	489,452
September Quarter	485,741
December Quarter	555,851
1948—March Quarter	502,427
June Quarter	607,274
September Quarter	603,525
December Quarter	652,556
1949—March Quarter	606,595

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS IN VICTORIA.

Period.	Deposits—			Total Deposits per Head of Population.
	State Savings Bank (a).	Commonwealth Savings Bank.	Total.	
At 30th June—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
1929	66,130	6,577	72,707	41 2 2
1931	57,138	6,104	63,242	35 2 10
1939	69,219	11,242	80,461	42 15 4
1943	97,517	23,732	121,249	61 3 7
1944	122,682	31,205	153,887	77 9 7
1945	143,216	38,933	182,149	90 10 5
1946	163,723	47,603	211,326	104 2 2
1947	168,148	47,959	216,107	(b) 105 3 0
1948	177,781	48,620	226,401	(b) 108 5 10
At 31st March, 1949 ..	181,353	50,058	231,411	110 3 9

(a) Includes School Bank and Deposit Stock Accounts.

(b) Revised figures.

VICTORIA—MORTGAGES OF REAL ESTATE.

Period.	Mortgages Registered during Period.					
	Under Transfer of Land Acts (a).		Under Property Law Act (b).		Total.	
	Number.	Consideration (c). £'000.	Number.	Consideration (c). £'000.	Number.	Consideration (c). £'000.
Year ended 31st December—						
1929	27,916	21,082	899	968	28,815	22,050
1939	19,144	12,244	853	773	19,997	13,017
1946	18,055	7,030	801	456	18,856	7,486
1947	21,342	12,922	903	386	22,245	13,308
1948	21,926	17,263	849	556	22,775	17,819
1948—						
March Quarter	4,698	4,064	180	151	4,878	4,215
June Quarter	5,617	4,787	197	137	5,814	4,924
September Quarter	5,885	4,185	243	156	6,128	4,341
December Quarter	5,726	4,227	229	112	5,955	4,339
1949—						
March Quarter	5,267	4,815	175	120	5,442	4,935

(a) Mortgages under the Transfer of Land Act are in respect of land brought under such Act subsequent to 1862 and land alienated by the Crown since that date.

(b) Mortgages under the Property Law Act are in respect of land alienated by the Crown prior to 1862 and not subsequently brought under the Transfer of Land Act.

(c) Excluding the amounts owing under mortgages given to secure overdrafts on current accounts.

VICTORIA—COMPANIES REGISTERED UNDER COMPANIES ACT.

Particulars.	Year Ended 31st December—				Three Months Ended 31st March, 1949.
	1929.	1939.	1947.	1948.	
Number registered during period—					
Victorian Trading	926	537	844	1,040	161
Foreign	62	37	69	70	20
Mining	22	28	12	7	1
Total	1,010	602	925	1,117	182
Nominal Capital of Companies registered during period—					
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Victorian Trading	44,083	17,302	21,632	35,606	4,313
Foreign	(a)	8,975	14,488	21,913	3,411
Mining	1	..	1,265	578	50
Number of Existing Companies at end of period—					
Victorian	7,259	10,229	10,042	10,872	11,033
Foreign	899	643	856	913	929
Increase during the period in nominal Capital of Existing Companies—					
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Victorian Trading	10,246	6,854	24,518	27,382	2,370
Mining	244	1,097	395	326	..

(a) Not available.

VIII.—PRODUCTION.

VICTORIA—RAINFALL, YEARLY RECORDS AND MEANS.

Year Ended 31st December.	Districts.								Whole State.
	Mallee.	Wim-mera.	Northern.	North-Central.	North-Eastern.	Western.	Central.	Gipps-land.	
	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
1944 ..	6·59	10·46	9·24	17·10	20·72	24·30	23·97	27·54	17·09
1945 ..	9·63	15·20	14·84	21·71	29·97	25·21	22·25	28·60	20·50
1946 ..	14·07	22·07	17·76	29·86	39·85	40·20	33·04	41·19	29·37
1947 ..	15·16	22·71	20·35	32·93	40·91	33·80	33·00	36·10	28·46
1948 ..	11·29	19·15	16·46	24·82	31·98	28·37	25·93	34·37	23·61
Averages (a) ..	12·49	17·52	18·09	27·06	34·81	27·58	29·64	33·47	24·28

(a) Averages for a standard 30 years' period, 1911-1940.

VICTORIA—AREA, YIELD, AND GROSS VALUE OF ALL CROPS, 1947-48.

Crop.	Area.	Yield.	Gross Value.(a)
	Acres.		£
Wheat	3,227,162	46,962,385 bushels	32,130,370(b)
Oats	650,119	15,380,970 bushels	5,715,609
Barley—			
Malting (2 row)	149,567	3,253,774 bushels	2,313,742
Other (6 row)	14,622	322,997 bushels	187,066
Maize	7,968	323,984 bushels	162,467
Rye	8,148	49,554 bushels	37,166
Hay—			
Wheaten	52,020	75,942 tons	364,388
Oaten	340,036	511,831 tons	2,495,103
Lucerne, &c.	46,934	86,058 tons	567,110
Meadow	218,096	368,697 tons	1,874,342
Straw . . . . .	..	30,000 tons	111,750
Grass and Clover Seed	11,746	17,893 cwt.	90,807
Canary Seed	36	240 cwt.	621
Peas for grain	9,676	259,110 bushels	155,505
Green Fodder	46,100	.. . . . .	115,630
Potatoes	59,400	184,882 tons	2,251,590(c)
Onions	6,722	61,540 tons	904,887
Other Vegetables	35,907	.. . . . .	3,369,105
Sugar Beet	553	6,362 tons of beet (584 tons of sugar)	19,086
Turnips, Beet, &c., for fodder	1,042	4,869 tons	38,952
Mangolds and Pumpkins	537	2,455 tons	12,275
Tobacco	958	1,162 cwt.	18,379
Hops	240	2,538 cwt.	41,451
Broom Millet	422	2,134 cwt. fibre 1,095 cwt. seed	8,106- 737
Chickory	442	540 tons	38,880
Flax	12,183	19,427 tons of straw	159,977
Orchards—			
Productive	57,943	.. . . . .	3,578,524
Unproductive	13,570	.. . . . .	..
Grapes—			
Table	1,470	4,328 tons	151,480
Wine	6,327	16,329 tons	253,309
Drying	33,641	Wine made 2,958,292 gallons 213,457 tons producing— 41,971 tons of sultanas	2,878,877
Vines, unproductive	2,346	5,189 tons of raisins	332,208
Other Crops	7,156	8,086 tons of currants	461,709
Total Crops	5,023,149	.. . . . .	61,250,238

(a) The gross value is based on the wholesale price realized in the principal markets. The places where primary products are absorbed locally or where they become raw materials for a secondary industry are presumed to be the principal markets.

(b) Includes Flour Tax payments.

(c) Includes Subsidies.

VICTORIA—ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND AVERAGE YIELD OF PRINCIPAL CROPS.

Season.	For Grain—			Hay.	Potatoes.	Grapes for Drying (a).	Fruit (b).
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.				
<i>Area of Crops.</i>							
1943-44	Acres. 1,793,428	Acres. 426,305	Acres. 83,259	Acres. 740,672	Acres. 34,077
1944-45	2,141,729	722,169	129,054	901,983	83,238
1945-46	3,251,393	511,483	134,132	1,060,496	63,000
1946-47	3,501,135	453,898	138,022	677,787	56,400
1947-48	3,227,162	650,119	164,189	(c) 657,146	59,400
<i>Total Production.</i>							
1943-44	Bushels. 19,733,322	Bushels. 3,704,985	Bushels. 1,078,128	Tons. 963,103	Tons. 217,380
1944-45	3,497,677	1,335,429	359,536	704,246	305,216
1945-46	29,633,760	7,401,816	1,743,754	1,444,250	230,749
1946-47	48,970,908	6,401,430	2,321,912	985,224	223,782
1947-48	46,962,385	15,380,970	3,576,771	1,042,438	184,882
<i>Average Yield per Acre.</i>							
1943-44	Bushels. 11·00	Bushels. 8·69	Bushels. 12·95	Tons. 1·30	Tons. 3·09
1944-45	1·63	1·85	2·79	0·78	3·67
1945-46	9·11	14·47	13·00	1·36	3·66
1946-47	13·99	14·10	16·82	1·45	3·97
1947-48	14·55	23·66	21·78	1·59	3·11
							Tons (d) 1·73
							..
							1·17
							..
							1·47
							..
							1·28
							..
							1·64

(a) Excluding table grapes, wine grapes, and unproductive vines, the area of which in 1947-48 amounted to 1,470, 6,327, and 2,346 acres respectively.

(b) Productive orchards only. The area of unproductive orchards in 1947-48 was 13,570 acres. Owing to the varying units of quantity, total production cannot be conveniently shown in this statement.

(See *Victorian Year-Book*).

(c) Including wheaten 52,020 acres and oaten 340,036 acres.

(d) Weight of dried produce.

LIVE STOCK IN VICTORIA.

At 31st March.	Horses.	Cattle.			Pigs.	Sheep.
		All Dairy Cattle.	Beef Cattle.	Total.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1945	..	253,782	1,364,202	538,908	1,903,110	296,232
1946	..	232,473	1,299,769	527,318	1,827,087	271,887
1947	..	227,164	1,411,628	648,433	2,060,061	290,450
1948	..	221,454	1,476,379	697,824	2,174,203	271,492
1949	..	213,090	1,513,292	711,251	1,224,543	223,823
						19,170,312

VICTORIA—WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE.

Season.	Clip.	Stripped from and Exported on Skins, &c. (Greasy).	Total Quantity. (Greasy).	Gross Value.	Average Price per lb.
		lb.	lb.	lb.	£
1942-43	..	174,045,163	34,159,329	208,204,492	14,223,964
1943-44	..	163,838,577	32,576,650	196,415,227	13,290,073
1944-45	..	142,615,657	34,527,400	177,143,057	11,856,369
1945-46	..	109,236,140	43,161,367	152,397,507	9,527,048
1946-47	..	150,807,569	46,268,669	197,076,238	18,708,593
1947-48	..	157,866,750	33,137,130	191,003,880	29,851,792
					37·51

VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1946.	1947.	1948 (c)
Factories	No. 9,250	No. 10,195	No. 10,949	No. 11,663
Persons employed (a)—				
Males	136,218	178,951	188,758	199,015
Females	65,613	77,298	76,9.9	79,268
Total	201,831	256,249	265,757	278,283
Wages paid (b)—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000	£'000
Males	29,006	56,773	63,035	76,324
Females	7,021	13,726	14,959	17,491
Total	36,027	70,499	77,994	93,815
Value of—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000	£'000
Fuel, light, and power used	3,595	6,306	7,201	8,340
Lubricating oil and water used and repairs	2,655	6,208	6,516	7,420
Materials used (including containers)	81,722	154,225	170,224	203,056
Production (net)	65,996	122,406	131,496	158,713
Output	152,968	289,145	315,437	377,529
Land and buildings	42,026	60,265	62,752	66,172
Machinery and plant	38,570	58,537	59,125	65,830

(a) Average over whole year. Includes working proprietors.
 (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors. (c) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE ADDED IN PROCESS OF MANUFACTURE.

Class of Industry.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1946.	1947.	1948 (a)
Treatment of non-metalliferous mine and quarry products	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000
Bricks, pottery, glass, &c.	1,576	1,615	2,189	3,051
Chemicals, dyes, explosives, paints, oils and grease	1,530	1,715	1,886	2,201
Industrial metals, machines, implements and conveyances	4,462	7,395	8,208	10,104
Precious metals, jewellery and plate	16,460	39,165	37,584	47,801
Textiles and textile goods (not dress)	547	722	1,044	1,429
Skins and leather (not clothing or footwear) .. .	6,324	12,415	14,350	17,259
Clothing	1,373	2,331	3,252	3,280
Food, drink and tobacco	7,865	13,237	15,860	18,887
Woodworking and basketware	12,610	19,696	22,330	25,082
Furniture, bedding, &c.	2,391	4,197	5,090	6,686
Paper, stationery, printing, bookbinding, &c.	1,281	1,653	2,135	2,682
Rubber	4,930	7,189	8,566	9,669
Musical instruments	1,573	2,124	2,542	3,193
Miscellaneous products	24	36	40	57
Heat, light and power	722	3,209	3,386	3,840
Total	65,996	122,406	131,496	158,713

(a) Subject to revision.

Note.—“Added Value” is the source from which provision is made for the following:—salaries and wages, depreciation, taxation, rent, insurance, miscellaneous expenses and profits.

VICTORIA—VALUE OF RECORDED PRODUCTION, 1946-47.

Industry.	Value at Place of Production.	Cost of Production. (a)	Net Value of Production.	Net Value per Head of Population.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£ s. d.
Agriculture	36,439	7,173	29,266	14 6 11
Pastoral	29,991	1,352	28,639	14 0 9
Dairying	20,677	2,639	18,038	8 16 10
Poultry and Bee Farming .. .	7,030	1,416	5,614	2 15 1
Trapping, Forestry, and Fisheries ..	7,022	(b) 504	6,518	3 3 11
Mining	2,814	761	2,053	1 0 2
Manufacturing	131,496	..	131,496	64 9 3
Total	235,469	13,845	221,624	108 12 11

(a) Costs of production include stockfeed, seed costs and pickling, manures, spraying, sheep and cattle dips, power, fuel, water, and all other materials used in production.

(b) Incomplete.

VICTORIA—NET VALUE OF RECORDED PRODUCTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

Year.	Industry.							Total.
	Agri-culture.	Pastoral.	Dairying.	Poultry and Bee Farming.	Trapping, Forestry and Fisheries.	Mining.	Manufacturing.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1937-38 ..	8 0 10	9 19 2	5 12 10	1 11 10	1 2 0	0 18 6	34 17 4	62 2 6
1938-39 ..	2 19 11	8 1 8	5 6 3	1 13 6	0 18 1	0 18 7	35 3 11	55 1 11
1939-40 ..	6 6 0	8 13 10	6 10 6	1 13 6	1 3 1	1 2 4	39 3 2	64 12 5
1940-41 ..	3 14 0	9 14 2	6 16 4	1 4 9	1 12 9	1 6 2	46 7 8	70 15 10
1941-42 ..	7 18 9	10 9 6	6 9 0	1 8 4	2 2 1	1 2 8	56 15 6	86 5 10
1942-43 ..	9 13 0	12 11 4	6 6 6	2 10 1	1 17 6	0 19 1	61 11 7	95 9 1
1943-44 ..	8 1 6	13 2 9	6 19 1	2 12 6	2 11 0	0 15 6	62 0 3	96 2 7
1944-45 ..	7 8 7	12 3 9	7 6 4	2 15 2	2 9 6	0 15 5	61 0 4	93 19 1
1945-46 ..	10 1 8	8 19 7	7 9 2	2 17 4	3 0 0	0 17 3	60 14 7	93 19 7
1946-47 ..	14 6 11	14 0 9	8 16 10	2 15 1	3 3 11	1 0 2	64 9 3	108 12 11

STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION OF VICTORIA—BROWN COAL WON, BRIQUETTES
MANUFACTURED AND ELECTRICITY GENERATED AND SENT OUT.

Period.	Brown Coal Won.		Briquettes Manufactured.	Electricity Generated—			Electricity Sent Out from Generating Stations—		
	Yallourn Open Cut.	Yallourn North Open Cut.		Hydro Stations.	Thermal Stations.	Total.	Hydro Stations.	Thermal Stations.	Total.
	Tons'000	Tons'000	Tons'000	kWh millions	kWh millions	kWh millions	kWh millions	kWh millions	kWh millions
1938-39 Year ..	3,643	(a)	400	103·2	824·1	927·3	102·8	739·2	842·0
1944-45 ..	5,249	47	431	119·8	1,382·5	1,502·3	119·3	1,307·4	1,426·7
1945-46 ..	5,449	49	493	185·7	1,408·9	1,594·6	185·2	1,329·1	1,514·3
1946-47 ..	5,618	133	490	206·2	1,484·8	1,691·0	205·8	1,399·0	1,604·8
1947-48 ..	5,994	197	545	230·2	1,674·3	1,904·5	228·0	1,582·1	1,810·1
1947-48—									
September Quarter ..	1,600	39	147	72·2	423·3	495·5	72·0	399·5	471·5
December Quarter ..	1,388	47	128	84·2	370·9	455·1	83·3	349·5	432·8
March Quarter ..	1,400	45	129	37·0	385·4	422·4	36·6	364·1	400·7
June Quarter ..	1,606	66	141	36·8	494·7	531·5	36·1	469·0	505·1
1948-49—									
September Quarter ..	1,628	121	143	56·4	493·8	550·2	55·6	467·4	523·0
December Quarter ..	1,456	100	129	72·7	434·5	507·2	71·9	410·2	482·1
March Quarter ..	1,511	109	139	32·7	472·3	505·0	32·2	447·0	479·2

(a) No operations during 1938-39.

IX.—MISCELLANEOUS.

GREATER MELBOURNE (a)—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY MUNICIPALITIES. (New Series.)

Period.	New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.).		Other Buildings.					
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.
1938 Year ..	5,333	5,318	531	1,641	6,124	1,446	11,988	8,405
1939 ..	5,148	5,370	483	1,655	6,113	1,658	11,744	8,683
1940 ..	5,686	6,827	410	2,166	5,569	1,462	11,665	10,455
1941 ..	6,193	6,849	250	921	5,392	1,403	11,835	9,173
1942 ..	262	225	58	260	2,135	636	2,455	1,121
1943 ..	80	43	39	513	3,450	550	3,569	1,106
1944 ..	263	177	30	126	6,398	895	6,691	1,198
1945 ..	1,944	2,059	107	443	6,644	1,046	8,695	3,548
1946 ..	7,292	9,875	241	1,314	7,882	1,520	15,415	12,709
1947 ..	8,787	13,685	476	2,156	6,664	2,057	15,927	17,898
1948 ..	8,531	14,837	371	1,660	6,090	2,217	14,992	18,714
1948—								
March Quarter ..	1,831	3,077	99	274	1,430	728	3,360	4,079
June Quarter ..	2,664	4,589	93	572	1,572	452	4,329	5,613
September Quarter ..	2,067	3,681	90	494	1,614	649	3,771	4,824
December Quarter ..	1,969	3,490	89	320	1,474	388	3,532	4,198
1949—								
March Quarter ..	2,660	4,853	77	691	1,627	478	4,364	6,022

(a) The particulars are in respect of municipalities and parts of municipalities in the metropolitan area re-defined from 1st January, 1947. The statement is, therefore, not comparable with information shown on page 30 of the *Quarterly Abstract of Statistics* for December, 1946 (No. 1).

Note.—The above statement is exclusive of Government buildings and of building operations by the Housing Commission of Victoria.

VICTORIA—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY TEN(a) PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES

Period.	New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.)		Other Buildings.					
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
1939 Year ..	647	£'000. 460	59	107	619	153	1,325	720
1940 ..	481	346	32	197	532	133	1,045	676
1941 ..	424	351	31	100	530	117	985	568
1942 ..	57	41	12	20	264	29	333	90
1943 ..	6	3	11	29	361	46	378	78
1944 ..	30	15	19	23	474	91	523	129
1945 ..	218	206	23	34	646	94	887	334
1946 ..	693	768	39	34	1,096	160	1,828	962
1947 ..	819	1,032	47	99	937	162	1,803	1,293
1948 ..	800	1,203	33	443	832	251	1,665	1,897
1948—								
March Quarter	162	237	11	14	194	41	367	292
June Quarter	217	318	7	156	198	59	422	533
September Qr.	232	345	6	207	212	53	450	605
December Qr.	189	303	9	66	228	98	426	467
1949—								
March Quarter	255	414	10	236	255	61	520	711

(a) Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Mildura, and Warrnambool, the Towns of Horsham, Newtown and Chilwell, and Sale, and the Borough of Shepparton.

Note.—The above statement is exclusive of Government buildings and of building operations by the Housing Commission of Victoria.

HOUSING COMMISSION OF VICTORIA.

Period.	Contracts Let(a) during Period for the Erection of Dwelling Units.			Dwelling Units Completed during Period.		
	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
Prior to 1941-42	1,002	135	1,137	714	54	768
1941-42 Year ..	90	..	90	322	81	403
1942-43 ..	116	..	116	79	..	79
1943-44 ..	323	75	398	118	..	118
1944-45 ..	747	345	1,092	539	115	654
1945-46 ..	1,677	677	2,354	889	204	1,093
1946-47 ..	2,069	930	2,999	893	552	1,445
1947-48 ..	1,281	919	2,200	1,416	809	2,225
1947-48—						
September Quarter ..	240	162	402	376	171	547
December Quarter ..	371	270	641	406	265	671
March Quarter ..	406	169	575	277	183	460
June Quarter ..	264	318	582	357	190	547
1948-49—						
September Quarter ..	(b) 361	(b) 245	(b) 606	423	185	608
December Quarter ..	(b) 170	(b) 123	(b) 293	445	301	746
March Quarter ..	(b) 222	(b) 65	(b) 287	241	184	425
Total to 31st March, 1949 ..	(b) 8,058	(b) 3,514	(b) 11,572	6,079	2,485	8,564

(a) Including work performed by day labour. The date of the letting of the first contract was 31st July, 1939.

(b) Subject to revision.

Note.—The above statement is exclusive of houses erected at Sunshine by the Housing Commission of Victoria for the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust.